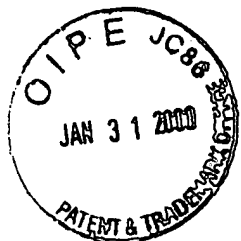


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STATEMENT TO SUPPORT FILING AND SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states that the content of the attached papers and the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of August 27, 1999.

X Petition for Extension of Time enclosed.

X No additional amendment fee is required.

X Also enclosed: revised Sequence Listing; Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825; disk; postcard

| No. of Claims After Amendment | | | Most Claims Previously Paid | | | Extra Claims | | Additional Fee | |
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X A check for \$ 380 to cover the extension of time fee is attached.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

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